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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS

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1. EMBOFF ON SEPT 9 PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE TO MFA  
OFFICIAL OUTLINING U.S. POSITIONS OF ISSUES CONTAINED  
PARA 7 REFTEL. MFA OFFICIAL LOOKED OVER AIDE MEMOIRE,  
SAID IT WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THAI DELEGATION SOME  
OF WHOM WERE ALREADY EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK AND  
ASKED WHY PUERTO RICO WAS NOT INCLUDED AMONG ISSUES  
ADDRESSED. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT IT IS PRESENTLY UN-  
CERTAIN THAT PUERTO RICO WILL BE RAISED AT UNGA,  
BUT U.S. POSITION WAS THAT IT IS AN INTERNAL MATTER  
FOR U.S. MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT PHILIPPINES HAD  
PLACED PUERTO RICO ON AGENDA FOR ASEAN PRE-UNGA  
CONSULTATIONS MEETING HELD IN MANILA BUT THAT  
ISSUE HAD RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION. ASEAN  
COUNTRIES WERE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT COMMITTEE  
OF 24 MIGHT PRODUCE ON SUBJECT OF EAST TIMOR ; MFA  
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OFFICIAL FOUND IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ASEAN WOULD

FACE A RESOLUTION HOSTILE TO INDONESIA AT UNGA.

2. ASKED ABOUT OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING ASEAN CONSULATATIONS, MFA OFFICIAL (WHO ATTENDED MEETING) SAID ASEAN HAD DECIDED TO PRESENT TO UNGA RESOLUTION ON ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY (ZOPFAN). AFTER WHAT HAPPENED AT NAM, ASEAN NATIONS FELT IT NECESSARY TO AIR IONCEPT IN INTERNATIONAL FORUM AND HAD DECIDED THAT CHANCES FOR PASSAGE AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA WOULD BE BETTER THAN NEXT YEAR'S BECAUSE ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, VIETNAM WOULD NOT YET BE MEMBER AND ONLY LAOS COULD BE EXPECTED TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST RESOLUTION. HE THEN ASKED WHETHER, IN FACT U.S. WOULD VETO VIETNAM'S BID FOR MEMBERSHIP. EMBOFF REPLIED EMBASSY WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON U.S. PLANS. MFA OFFICIAL THEN SPECULATED THAT U S BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC PRESSURES AND FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS WOULD PROBABLY EXERCISE VETO BUT NEXT YEAR COULD ALLOW VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP. HE THEN SAID THAT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW USSR WOULD REACT TO ZOPFAN RESOLUTION; SOVIETS HAD IN PAST ENDORSED CONCEPT BUT MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY RESOLVING THEIR POSITION WITH EXPECTED LAO OPPOSITION. HE OPINED THAT LAO AND VIETNAMESE DISLIKED CONCEPT BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN FORMULATED AT A TIME OF EXTENSIVE U S PRESENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA; IF ZOPFAN WERE A "NEW" IDEA, CONCEIVED TODAY, VIETNAM WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH IT. HE THEN QUERIED EMBOFF ON U S POSITION. REPLY WAS THAT WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. BURKE

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